

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

THE FIRST RESPONSE

In the August issue a plea was made for five hundred contributions of \$100 each to create the base amount for an Association Endowment Fund, the principal of the Fund to remain intact in perpetuity, the earnings to be used to expand Association activities. The appended letter is the first response. Now, may the remaining 499 follow this example. Won't you send in your check today?

Colfax, California,
August 17, 1937.

Dear Doctor Warnshuis:

On page 118 of the August issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE I note that an endeavor is being made to secure an Endowment Fund, and that five hundred members are requested to send in \$100 each toward the establishment of the Fund. I am enclosing herewith my check for \$100 for this purpose.

I am still of the opinion that it would be well to have a life-membership fund whereby members over sixty years of age, who have been members of the Association for twenty years or longer and who have been in good standing throughout the period, could, for the sum of \$100, become life members of the California Medical Association.

Hoping that my contribution is the five hundred and first rather than the first, I am, with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT A. PEERS.

*All articles listed under the caption, "This Month's Topics," have been written and sent to the Editor by the Association Secretary, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

What One County Did, Your County Can Do*

The Postgraduate Study Courses, as conducted by the San Joaquin County Medical Society, have been the outgrowth of several things. First, the Medical Society of Sacramento County started a series of special programs in 1934 which were attended by three of our physicians, who reported enthusiastically regarding them.

Then, during the spring of 1935, the president of our local society, Dr. C. A. Broaddus, was urged by Dr. Frederick Warnshuis, Secretary of the California Medical Association, to organize a course of study programs for the fall.

A committee, composed of Drs. J. P. Hull, E. L. Blackmun, and A. L. Van Meter, the men who had attended the Sacramento meetings, was appointed to meet with the president. They determined on a definite course of action, looking forward to a rather permanent annual series of special meetings. They felt that it would be necessary to have funds other than the regular county dues, and proposed a special fee of \$5 for each course. This money was to be held in a separate fund for the postgraduate courses and used to defray the expenses of the visiting speakers, to buy extra equipment such as lantern screens, blackboards, and, if necessary, a movie machine, and to furnish each member with a printed and engrossed certificate of attendance, framed, ready to hang on the office wall. Each paid member was to be furnished with a membership card on which appeared his record of attendance, and only those members were admitted to the study sessions.

To add to the attraction of the course, it was proposed to have each year at least one out-of-state speaker of more than local renown. It was realized that many of the finest things in the nation are at our very door, but occasionally it is worth while to bring special talent from farther away.

After careful consideration it was decided to have seven meetings, which would be entirely independent of the regular programs for stated meetings, and to get these all in between September 1 and Christmas. Each meeting was to begin at 7:30 p. m. and last until the speakers had covered the subjects assigned for the evening. Usually there were two speakers, each to take from twenty to forty-five minutes for a phase of his subject. Then, after a recess of five minutes, the other was to speak for a like period. In actual practice, it was found that this worked very well and the evening often lasted till near midnight, with keen interest manifested all the time.

The first series of programs given from September to December of 1935, was as follows:

Toxemias of Pregnancy, Dr. H. C. Shepherdson; Obstetrical Anesthesia, Dr. H. A. Stephenson; Early Syphilis, Acute Gonorrhea, Drs. C. W. Barnett and J. R. Dillon; Diseases of the Thyroid, Drs. Hans Lissner and H. H. Searles; Diseases of the Rectum, Dr. R. A. Scarborough; Female Sex Hormones, Drs. C. F. Fluhmann and A. V. Pettit; Fractures of the Lower Extremity, Dr. L. C. Abbott; Diseases of the Stomach and Intestines, Dr. Garnett Cheney.

A careful record of attendance was kept, and everyone who was present for six meetings was presented with a certificate reading as follows, and framed, ready to hang:

"San Joaquin County Medical Society
Post Graduate Course
Certificate of Attendance
1935

This certifies that Dr. (name of physician) has attended the required number of graduate sessions of the San Joa-

* By C. A. Broaddus, Chairman of Postgraduate Study Committee, San Joaquin County Medical Society.

quin County Postgraduate Extension Course for 1935, in recognition of which this award is made."

Dated and signed by the president and the secretary of the Society.

Out of forty-eight paid and registered members, thirty-eight received the awards, most of which very likely can be found today hanging on the office walls of the recipients. In 1936, the same award was made to a like number out of fifty paid memberships.

In 1936, the same committee was reappointed, including Doctor Broadbuss, with Doctor Van Meter as chairman. The same general plan was continued, and it was decided to include an out-of-state speaker. Through the help of the San Francisco Academy of Medicine we were able to get Dr. J. H. Musser of New Orleans, Professor of Medicine at Tulane University. The program of seven meetings given in the fall of 1936 was as follows:

Respiratory Diseases and Disorders of Childhood, Dr. Roland P. Seitz; Endocrine Glands in Childhood, Dr. D. C. Marshall; Fractures of the Upper Extremity, Dr. N. J. Howard; Surgery of the Biliary Tract, and Large Intestine and Appendicitis, Drs. Gunther Nagel and E. Rixford, Jr.; Diseases of the Blood, Drs. Garnett Cheney and H. A. Wyckoff; Nontuberculous Diseases of the Chest, Dr. S. Shipman; X-Ray Diagnosis of Nontuberculous Diseases of the Chest, Dr. Robert Stone; Common Diseases of the Eye, Dr. D. O. Harrington; Diseases of Mouth and Throat, Dr. R. F. Nelson.

For the seventh meeting Doctor Musser gave us, at 4 p. m., a clinic on blood diseases, with cases presented by the Committee. At 7 p. m. there was a dinner for him and the members of the course, followed by an illustrated lecture, "Classification of Anemias."

This year a committee of five was appointed, to include Dr. A. L. Van Meter, program chairman, for the regular stated meetings; Dr. Langley Collis, chairman of the dinner meeting programs restricted to home talent; and Dr. C. A. Broadbuss, chairman of the postgraduate series; Dr. Samuel Hanson and Dr. George K. Wever.

As a result of the past two years' success, the enthusiasm for the course is greater than ever, and the following program is being prepared:

Syphilis. Routine Wassermann; darkfield; diagnosis of secondary lues; diagnosis of late tertiary; methods of up-to-date and uniform treatment; maternal syphilis; treatment of the new-born; meaning of the Wassermann in the new-born.

Gonorrhea. By a urologist and a gynecologist. Obstetrics and Gynecology. Endocrinology; prenatal care; termination of pregnancy; complications of labor.

Pharmacology and Clinical Medicine. Newer developments in the treatment of disease.

Traumatic surgery; surgical shock.

In addition to this program, arrangements are partially completed for three out-of-state speakers on dates to be announced later. We have the promise of a visit by Doctor Wenger, medical officer in charge of Public Health Service at Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Dr. Ralph Richards, surgeon, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our innovation this year will be the offer of a \$25 cash prize for the best-written review filed by any member of the course. It is planned to have these reviews presented at a special meeting of the county society in January or February, with three outside judges present.

SUCCESS

The success of these programs is probably due to several things. In the first place, the subjects have been presented by very able men who were willing to coöperate. Attendance has been very good and enthusiastic as well as carefully checked. There have always been several speakers, so that each session was broken up into twenty- to thirty-minute periods, with short recesses between, the program often lasting three to four hours. The payment of fee in advance, recognition of attendance by certificate, and exclusion of all but members of the course, have added much to the interest. The inclusion of out-of-state speakers tends to differentiate the course from the ordinary run of society programs.

ASSOCIATION NIGHTS

The general officers again plan to visit constituent county units during the fall and winter months. County officers have been requested to designate local dates for these State Association nights.

The purpose of these meetings is to present State Association policies, plans and activities and to discuss local problems with each county society. Such interchange of discussions are productive of better understanding, clarify problems and their factors, and stimulates organizational activity that will advance members' interests. Officers and committees obtain valuable information that is helpful in that it enables them to better discharge their duties for the future good of each county and the State Association.

Local secretaries will announce the date of this visit to your county. When you receive that notice, it is hoped that every member will plan to be present. Your State officers are very desirous of meeting with as many members as possible, and will welcome your questions and suggestions. Plan to attend the State Association night meeting in your county.

HOTEL RATES—PASADENA

The following convention rates have been fixed by the Hotel Huntington for the Association's 1938 session.

American Plan (includes meals):

\$8 per day—single room and bath.

\$7 per day each—double room and bath.

Transient meals: Breakfast, \$1.25; luncheon, \$1.50; dinner, \$2.

Reservations should be made direct with the hotel management. The Huntington has sole charge and control of all reservations.

1938 ANNUAL SESSION

May 9 to 12 are the dates that have been designated for our 1938 annual session in Pasadena. Headquarters and all meetings will be in the Hotel Huntington.

All hotel room reservations will be handled direct through the office of the Manager of the Hotel Huntington. Write to him, and it is suggested that you do it *now*, for such accommodations as you may desire. The Association's Secretary holds no reserve reservations. Room assignments are entirely in the hands of the hotel management.

To avoid disappointment, make your reservations now.

YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

Members are reminded that the Association's headquarters office in San Francisco is not the office of any single officer or of the Council. It is the central office of every member whether he lives in the North or South, urban or rural regions. It is your central office, where the entire personnel seeks to serve you in meeting your problems and bettering your professional and personal interests.

It is a clearance office that desires to serve every member. Use it as such and feel free to call for information or assistance whenever you perceive that assistance is desired. Prompt response will meet your inquiries.

COUNCIL MEETING

The Council convened in special session in San Francisco on August 14. The purpose of the meeting was to give consideration to the publication of the report of the Medical Economic Survey. Doctor Sharp, Federal Coördinator of the WPA projects, outlined the federal requirements. The State Board of Public Health is the agency to which the Federal Government looks for the completion and publication of the report, as that State department is held to be the sponsoring agent.

After careful and detailed consideration of all the factors involved, the Council took the necessary action to bring about the publication of the report in sufficient number to supply every member with a copy and for additional copies for federal use.

Because of conflict with other scheduled meetings, the Conference of County Secretaries, Committeemen, and Councilors was changed from Fresno to San Francisco, and the new date of October 2 was fixed. See elsewhere in this department for program details.

The Secretary was directed to request the delegates of the county societies constituting the Eighth District to submit nominations for the consideration by the Council for appointment as councilor of that district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. C. E. Schoff.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on October 2 and 3.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY SECRETARIES, STANDING COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, AND COUNCILORS, SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 2, 1937*

The following program will govern the above captioned conference:

Annual Joint Conference of County Secretaries, Standing Committees and Officers and Councilors of the California Medical Association, to be Held in San Francisco, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, October 2, 1937.

9:00 a.m.—Committee Meetings. Committees will meet in rooms provided. During luncheon, tables will be arranged for committees for further deliberations.

10:00 a.m.—Opening Statement—Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman of the Council.

10:10 a.m.—Remarks—President Howard Morrow.

10:20 a.m.—Public Meetings and Speakers—S. K. Cochems, Los Angeles.

10:40 a.m.—Postgraduate Opportunities—John C. Rudock, Chairman of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

11:00 a.m.—What Happened in Atlantic City—William W. Roblee, President-Elect.

11:20 a.m.—Public Relations—C. A. Dukes, Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations.

Discussion and Questions—Fifteen minutes following presentation of each subject.

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12:15 to 1:30 p.m.—Luncheon.

1:30 p.m.—Address—Irvin Abell, President-Elect of the American Medical Association.

2:00 p.m.—Standing Committee Activities (ten minutes each).

(a) Associated Societies and Technical Groups—John V. Barrow.

(b) Health and Public Instruction—Fred B. Clarke.

(c) History and Obituaries—Frank R. Makinson.

(d) Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics—Daniel Crosby.

(e) Industrial Practice—M. R. Gibbons, Sr.

(f) Medical Defense—George Reinle.

(g) Medical Economics—John H. Graves.

(h) Medical Education and Medical Institutions—L. R. Chandler.

(i) Public Policy and Legislation—J. B. Harris.

(j) Membership and Organization—E. Vincent Askey.

(k) Qualifying Certificate (Basic Science) Law—George H. Kress.

(l) Venereal Disease—Howard Morrow.

4:00 p.m.—Summary and Adjournment.

8:15 p.m.—Council Meeting.

OCTOBER 3

9:00 a.m.—Council Meeting.

In July, chairmen, committeemen, and listed speakers were requested to begin preparation for this conference. Outlines of problems, policies, and questions were sent for committee consideration and recommendations to the Conference.

It is planned to arrange for committee meetings during the morning when committees can give final consideration to their reports.

It is anticipated that this conference will accomplish the determination of a program of work that will be executed by standing committees in the interests of the Association and individual members. Increased and achieving committee activity should result from this conference.

The conference will be held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. Actual train, Pullman, or automobile (when indicated) expense will be reimbursed to county secretaries and committee members.

MAKE IT 6500!

On August 15 the total was 5359 members in good standing in county units and the State Association. We began the year with 5498 members. Let us make it 6500 by January first! It can be done.

Every member is requested to become a worker in this drive. Obtain several application blanks from your county secretary. List your associates, hospital staff members, and your medical friends. Check off those whom you know are society members. Then approach the nonmember and point out to him the reasons why he should belong to his county medical society and urge upon him to fill out a membership application blank. The State Association dues for the remainder of this year are \$3.75. The 1938 dues have been fixed at \$10.

It is estimated that there are at least one thousand eligible and desirable nonmembers in the State. They should be affiliated. Will you aid to secure their application?

With the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco next June they will want to attend that session, which constitutes the greatest postgraduate week in the world. Remember, *no one*, not a single person can gain admission to section meetings, scientific and commercial meetings, unless he has registered and obtained an official admission badge.

To register one must present a *Fellowship Card*. To obtain a Fellowship card one has to be a member of his county and state organization.

Make it 6500! Member, will you take it upon yourself to help attain that goal?

PASSING OBSERVATIONS

There are certain areas in the United States where there is what may be termed "inadequacy of medical service." There will remain such inadequacies of service until the enlightening benefit of education, until there is an increase in nutritional standards, until good roads and long-continued health education have rendered it possible to bring the intellectual and cultural level of the people living in these areas to a social plane that makes modern medicine possible of application.—Heyd.

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It is apparent that the solidarity of the medical profession is under constant sabotage by groups on the fringe of the profession. We have within the profession certain pressure and compulsion groups that are endeavoring by indirection to set up alien forms of medical service. This fractionalization of medical organization, or better, fragmentation, has done much to implement the enemies of the profession. It would seem wise that we reexamine and reappraise our medical policies. There is literally a tower of Babel apparently speaking for the profession. The "Essays on Silence" would be a splendid gift to some of our professional planners.—Heyd.

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County medical societies should embrace every opportunity to build and strengthen public good will toward the ideals and quests of scientific medicine. This is an organizational function that has been overlooked in yesterdays.

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There rests upon the medical profession one obligation that is superlative to all others. We have received from the past the splendid edifice of modern medicine. It is our natural duty to hand that on to generations yet to come. The ranks of organized medicine must stand fast, must speak unanimously with one resonant voice, so that medicine shall be free to explore the unheralded realms of science and march forward with increasing effectiveness . . . where there is no vision, the people perish.—Heyd.

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Standing committees desire to serve and accomplish results for the membership. Send in your suggestions to the central office in order that they may be recorded and referred to the proper committee.

* See also editorial comment on page 146.

With the ending of vacation days and return to meet the demands of practice, you will do well to determine to attend each meeting of your county society. Lend encouragement and support to your officers and program committee. Every meeting night is "Bank Night" in your society and every attendant wins a prize in benefiting by the papers, presentations and discussion. Do not miss your "bank night" drawing.

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In 1926 a recommendation was made to the American Medical Association House of Delegates that the Judicial Council be empowered to take disciplinary action against members where county or state organizations failed to discipline members. In 1937 this recommendation was enacted. The American Medical Association can now expel members and Fellows of the American Medical Association. It remains to be seen if state and local units will take similar action. There has been a great need for certain house cleaning.

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The Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco in 1939 will have a building with some 60,000 square feet of space devoted to health and science. An advisory board of some thirty leading medical men and scientists of California are actively engaged in developing the exhibits in this building.

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"Factors Involved in Satisfactory Shaving" (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, July 10), is well worth reading. If the recommendations are followed, there will ensue a marked decrease in morning bathroom cussing and the abolishing of styptic sticks.

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It would be appreciated if someone would explain the justification of a \$5,000 fee (and higher fees have been reported) for an attorney in a divorce proceeding when a similar fee for a major surgical operation to persons of means is disapproved by the judge who approved the attorney fees. We have great admiration for the learned members of the Bar, but we are unwilling to concede that their legal services justify higher fees than those awarded to a skillful surgeon who accomplishes relief or cure in a serious brain, head, chest, or abdominal lesion. The same is true for the internist, who guides to recovery patients with pneumonia, or prolongs the life of a diabetic or cardiovascular case. Will someone explain the finesse of the attorney? The Social Security Board might take this on as a major economic problem and remedy the "high cost of legal services."

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As this issue comes to your desk or reading table it is accompanied by some seventy-five personal guests who are making a call on you individually. They are your advertiser friends making a personal visit to you. By courtesy you are obliged to give them an interview and receive their message. Listen to them by turning to the advertising section in this and every issue of your JOURNAL. Learn what they have to say by reading their message. Then if they can serve you, give them preference in your patronage. This is an obligation you owe to your guest callers. You also owe it to your Association to patronize these advertising friends. Doing so will be profitable to both.

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Invite your nonmember associate or medical friend to accompany you to your next county society meeting if he is eligible for membership. Then introduce him to the secretary and arrange so that he may file an application for membership. Every desirable, eligible doctor of medicine, a member, is the goal sought. Your assistance is needed.

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Members are again reminded to write for hotel accommodations for the Pasadena 1938 session. Address Manager, Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, who is in sole charge of all hotel reservations.

Members desiring to present papers at the annual session should file application with section secretaries. Program assignments will be made in November.

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Watch that accident case; be sure to have x-ray examinations and keep clinical record of details. Place under close forty-eight-hour observation every case of head injury, even though there was only momentary unconsciousness. Intracranial hemorrhage symptoms may be delayed several hours.

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Encourage your wife to affiliate and become active in your local Woman's Auxiliary. Auxiliaries can be of tremendous help in your county in developing good will and sound public opinion.

OUR PRINTERS

The James H. Barry Company of San Francisco have been the Association's official printer since 1906. During these years they have printed every issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. This firm has been in business since 1879.

Printing today is a recognized craft that requires craftsmen who are expert, as every printing operation demands expert skill. There has been a tremendous advance in methods and execution since the days of the "job shop" of a score of years ago. Hand composition has, of course, yielded to the linotype. Rotary and flat-bed presses are as different as the automobile of today is from a car of the vintage of 1910. Presses are almost human, as are folders, binders, assembly and trimming machinery, and the other pieces of mechanical equipment essential for a modern printing plant.

There has been developed for medical journalism a medical style and standard. Therefore, to do first-class medical composition and printing, specialists in medical composition and printing have to be trained and retained by printing firms undertaking medical publications. The James H. Barry Company have several such specialists which accounts for the high grade of typographical workmanship that is apparent in each issue of our official publication.

Recently our official printers have moved into their new plant building at 170 Van Ness Avenue South. It is the most modern printing establishment in San Francisco, and the building and additional equipment represents an added investment of \$150,000.

The James H. Barry Company take pleasure in their well-deserved and well-earned pride in being recognized as the leading printers in medical journalism and publications in California. They have fixed a high standard which they constantly seek to improve by maintaining a staff of skilled specialists who are ever seeking to produce the best finished production that will conform to the highest standards of medical style and publication.

This firm provides the medical profession of California with a specialized printing service that will meet the needs of physicians and surgeons whenever they require printing services for organizational and personal needs. A cordial invitation is extended to our members to visit this modern plant and inspect its facilities. They will be glad to consult with you in regard to your personal printing needs and render you a highly skilled technical service.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES MEDICAL LISTINGS

At this year's annual session a resolution was introduced and approved requesting the Council to take measures to correct improper medical listings in telephone directories' classified sections. Reference was made to classifying irregular practitioners with licensed doctors of medicine.

A complaint was received from San Joaquin County. Through local efforts and contact with the telephone exchange manager it is now reported that a satisfactory solution has been obtained.

The Council desires to be advised if similar improper listings exist in other counties in order that assistance may be given to institute satisfactory telephone listings.

PRESIDENT-ELECT IRVIN ABELL OF AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

At Conference of State Association and County Officers and Committees

President-Elect Irvin Abell of the American Medical Association has accepted the invitation to attend and address the Conference of County Secretaries, Standing Committees, and the Council, scheduled to be held in San Francisco on October 2. This announcement should create an intention on the part of secretaries and committee members to attend this important meeting. Doctor Abell will bring a message that will be most helpful. His delightful personality and his personal reflection of all that is sound and ideal in medicine and life is sure to arouse an inspiration in every listener.

Doctor Abell's Pacific Coast visit is necessarily limited because of the demands made upon his time. It has been possible, however, to arrange for him to address the members of the Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, and Kern counties in Santa Barbara on the night of October 4. On Tuesday, October 5, Doctor Abell will address a general meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. Notices of these local meetings will be given by the county secretaries.

C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

Joint Committee

Several State organizations have found it advantageous, and as a means to more readily solve problems of mutual concern and secure public good will, to organize a Joint Committee on Public Education. The committee is composed of representatives (one to five) from state medical, dental, hospital, nurses, druggists organizations; tuberculosis, health, Parent-Teacher Associations, Red Cross, and welfare groups; the Department of Education and the medical colleges.

Meetings of these representatives are held at three- to four-month intervals. Group problems are presented, discussed and solution determined. A program of public education is developed and applied. Public interest is aroused and public good will is cultivated.

In one state this joint effort has been in existence for twenty years and has been a tremendous influence and factor in the public life of that state. During the past year it rendered valuable service in securing the enactment of a basic science law.

It should not require much argument or persuasion to induce similar organizations in California to join in a joint committee movement. The Department of Public Relations will undertake the initiative.

Group Hospital Insurance

It is deemed advisable to direct attention to the policy adopted by the Committee on Public Relations relating to group hospitalization plans. The Committee's policy, approved by the Council and the House of Delegates, may be summarized as follows:

1. Proposed plans for a county and area are to be first submitted to the county society for review and approval.
2. They are then to be submitted to the Committee on Public Relations for review and approval.
3. Services shall include only those of hospital bed or room, ordinary nursing care, food, ordinary drugs, operating room services, and dressings.
4. Radiology, whether diagnostic or therapeutic, and diagnostic laboratory services shall not be included.

†The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

5. It shall not include medical services or care in any form other than the ordinary services of an intern, rendered under the orders and supervision of the attending physician or surgeon.

These fundamental principles must be met in order to secure county and state medical organization approval.

Under legislation enacted and effective August 27, 1937, it is necessary to obtain a permit from the State Board of Public Health and also to comply with the regulations of the State Insurance Commissioner.

Localities or areas planning to form groups to provide hospital care should conform to these policies and law regulations.

Public Health Education

Assistance has again been given to the San Francisco Young Women's Christian Association by arranging for the following speakers on the subjects selected by the Young Women's Christian Association.

Similar service is available to any representative lay organizations in the State:

Thursday, 7:15 to 8 p. m.

Y. W. C. A. Building, 620 Sutter Street

September 16—How to Live With Your Heart—Dr. John J. Sampson.

September 23—The Value of a Personal Physical Audit—Dr. S. J. Shipman.

September 30—Cosmetics and Facial Blemishes—Dr. George V. Kulchar.

October 7—How to Choose Your Doctor—Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly.

October 14—Normal and Abnormal Physical Functions in Women—Dr. C. Fluhmann.

October 21—What to Do in Emergencies—Dr. J. W. Cline.

October 28—The Mind and Personality—Dr. Joseph B. Catton.

November 4—The Significance of Pain—Dr. Stanley H. Mentzer.

November 11—Infectious Diseases and Prevention—Dr. J. C. Geiger.

November 18—Drugs and Self-Medication—Dr. E. J. Best.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members (33)

Alameda County.—John P. Adams, Fred D. Fisher, George E. Kleeman, Jr., Charles E. Mordoff, George M. Peckham, Egon Fritz Schmerel, E. Gale Whiting.

Fresno County.—Philip Richtel.

Los Angeles County.—Harold J. Chapman, John C. Fate, C. H. Francis, Ross A. Goodcell, A. S. Gough, George B. Hanson, D. A. Hawkins, Samuel K. Jamentz, Harvey S. Johnson, Jack B. Lomas, Harry J. Powers, John F. Roberts, Arthur M. Rosenthal, Albert Saxon, John H. Schaefer, John J. Smith, Benjamin N. Tager, S. J. Weinberg.

San Bernardino County.—Jacob Janzen, C. A. Mason.

San Diego County.—Francis M. Smith.

San Francisco County.—Vance M. Strange.

Solano County.—F. Burton Jones.

Stanislaus County.—Clarence Phelps Custer, C. Ronald Fulkerson.

Transferred (5)

Vernon L. Evans, from San Luis Obispo County to Illinois.

Francis M. Findlay, from Santa Barbara County to San Diego County.

Rowland H. Harris, from Los Angeles County to Michigan.

S. Theron Johnston, from Orange County to San Diego County.

Paul S. Phelps, from Placer County to Connecticut.

Resigned (1)

Walter W. Woods, from Los Angeles County.

In Memoriam

Alexander, Edgar William. Died at Lone Pine, July 21, 1937, age 59. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, in 1905 and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Alexander was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Bennette, Marie Antoinette. Died at San Bernardino, July 27, 1937, age 79. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, in 1885. Licensed in California in 1886. Doctor Bennette was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Grissim, John de Lafayette. Died at San Francisco, July 22, 1937, age 68. Graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1893. Licensed in California in 1895. Doctor Grissim was a retired member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Spencer, John Campbell. Died at Palo Alto, July 4, 1937, age 76. Graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1885. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor Spencer was a retired member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Wheeler, Joseph Suley. Died at Santa Cruz, July 23, 1937, age 81. Graduate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, 1891. Licensed in California in 1895. Doctor Wheeler was a retired member of the Placer County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Webster, Oran Lamar. Died at Holtville, July 31, 1937, age 38. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, 1928, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Webster was a member of the Imperial County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

OBITUARIES

Marie Antoinette Bennette 1857-1937

Marie Antoinette Bennette, M. D., died on July 27, 1937, at Ramona Hospital in San Bernardino, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Doctor Bennette was born on the Bennette ranch near Shingle Springs, El Dorado County, California, November 25, 1857. She attended the Shingle Springs County school and later the San Jose Normal School. After teaching for three years she entered Cooper Medical College (Stanford), San Francisco, graduating on November 11, 1885. She was the only woman in the graduating class of twenty, and was the first native daughter to become a doctor. In 1889-1890 she did postgraduate work in Philadelphia, following which she practiced for two years in Porcupine, Alaska, being in charge of the Miners Hospital there.

With the exception of a few years in Alaska and Arizona, Doctor Bennette's entire career was spent in San Bernardino. She was resident physician at the County Hospital for a number of years, where she started the first training school for nurses, and later operated her own hospital, the Sequoia.

In 1935 Doctor Bennette celebrated her golden anniversary in the practice of medicine, and received letters and

telegrams, numbering over five hundred, from all parts of the world. Among those who wrote were former President Hoover and Dr. Lyman Wilbur, President of Stanford University.

It is impossible to estimate the amount of charity and good deeds performed by "the little doctor," as she was affectionately known to thousands. In her passing, San Bernardino has lost one of its pioneers of medicine.

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Frank Pierce Gray 1852-1937

In the recent passing of Dr. Frank P. Gray of San Francisco, the profession of California has lost an ethical and able man; and the young student and practitioner, just entering his career, a kindly friend and adviser. For Doctor Gray was ever thus; and his long service at the old Cooper Medical College, where he was associated with the beloved dean and professor of obstetrics, Dr. Henry Gibbons, Jr., and with Dr. William Fitch Cheney, of diseases of children, was one of kindly, practical aid to students. Unassuming, nonspectacular, avoiding the limelight, Doctor Gray, nevertheless, gave of his best at all times, and was the true friend at all times of the young man and woman of medicine in his chosen specialty—obstetrics and diseases of children in an era now passing, where *practical* experience counted so much.

He was especially ready to help the young doctor in a complicated case, irrespective of fee, and "The Deacon"—as he was known to us in those days of the nineties and nineteen-hundreds—always smoothed out difficulties with his humane advice as to methods of procedure.

The Medical Society never had a more conscientious member on its rolls. Neither entering into politics nor taking an active part in Society proceedings, he was, therefore, unknown and unappreciated by many of his medical associates. But within this small frame there breathed loyalty, noble ideas, love of fellow man, and the desire to be of service to suffering humanity.

The best tribute to him is contained in the closing lines of Edgar Guest's, "The Humble":

So he who dwells at peace with men,
And has a few true hearts that love him,
Has more of joy within his ken
Than those who tower in fame above him.

God rest the soul of Frank P. Gray!

FRANK P. TOPPING, M.D.

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John de Lafayette Grissim 1869-1937

The long medical career of Dr. John de Lafayette Grissim, sixty-eight, prominent Oakland physician, was closed on July 22 in death.

He died at his home, 2900 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, where he had lived since his retirement from his Oakland practice several years ago.

Doctor Grissim, the son of Dr. John de Lafayette Grissim of Kentucky, came to California as a young man. He was graduated from the University of California with the class of 1893, then studied at the University medical school and at Columbia University, New York.

He practiced for several years in San Jose before coming to Oakland.

Here he met his wife, the former Miss Irene Baker, daughter of Mrs. George Washington Baker, now of San Francisco, and the late George Baker. She is the sister of George Washington Baker, Jr., of Piedmont, and the late Raymond Baker, director of the mint in the Wilson Administration.

Their marriage was a brilliant social event here at the turn of the century. They have three children—Mrs. Eugen von Teuber, Mrs. Edgar Gallwey, and John de Lafayette Grissim, Jr.

F. R. MAKINSON, M.D.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

MRS. HOBART ROGERS President
MRS. FRED ZUMWALT Chairman on Publicity

In Memoriam: Dolores Barrow

Our Auxiliary has lost an able, efficient officer. Dolores Barrow is dead. As the wife of Dr. John V. Barrow of Los Angeles, she took an active part in our organization, being, at the time of her death, our president-elect. Some of us will think of her as a loyal officer, whose place it will be difficult to fill; others will mourn her as a dear friend, but all of us will miss her.

It was in Santa Monica, on La Ballona Rancho, the Machado rancho, that Dolores Machado was born. This, too, was the birthplace of her father. She was the fourth generation removed from the Spaniards who came to California with Father Junipero Serra. On the maternal side she came from the Sepulveda family. Her maternal grandfather was born in Santa Barbara.

Upon her graduation from the Santa Monica High School she entered the University of California, from which she was graduated with honor. Later she was sent, under Government appointment, to teach in the Philippine Islands. This embraced educational work from the most elementary to the highest. It was while engaged in this field that she met Doctor Barrow, a pioneer in education in the Philippines, and it was there they were married in 1903. In 1907 they returned to this country and settled in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Barrow's first civic interest was the furtherance of the opera in Los Angeles. She was an active member of the Woman's Athletic Club; Woman's University Club, having served on the board; a past vice-president of the Friday Morning Club and, as membership chairman, during one of the depression years, increased the membership one thousand. She was a member of Town and Gown and the Faculty Wives of the University of Southern California. She was one of the founders of the Garden Club; her collection of fuchsias and begonias is one of the finest in the State.

Her chief interest, however, lay in the advancement of scientific medicine. For two years she served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association; she also served on the State Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association.

At her death, which occurred on July 25, she left, besides her husband, a son, Carlos, a student at Stanford University. Two sisters also survive, Florentina Machado and Mrs. Machado Minor of Santa Monica, and two brothers, Frank and Luce Machado of San Mateo.

To have known her was a privilege.

"THERE IS NO DEATH. WHAT SEEMS SO IS TRANSITION."

Eighth Annual Session: Report

The first meeting of the eighth annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was called to order at 10 a. m., May 4, 1937, in Del Monte Lodge, Del Monte, California, by the president, Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton.

Invocation—Reverend Stewart C. Potter of Monterey.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. Lawrence M. Knox of Carmel.

Response—Mrs. Guy Manson of Fresno.

In Memoriam—Mrs. W. W. Roblee gave a brief and appropriate service in memory of those members who had passed away during the year:

†As county auxiliaries of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Fred Zumwalt, Chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 3880 Clay Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Zumwalt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the Editor to allocate two pages in every issue to Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Alameda County—Mrs. W. L. Smithies, April, 1937.

Los Angeles County—Mrs. Vernon O. Haddens, February, 1936; Mrs. Harry Smith, March, 1936; Mrs. Charles S. Young, July, 1936; Mrs. T. L. Laughlin, September, 1936; Mrs. E. N. Van Ornum, October, 1936.

San Diego County—Mrs. S. J. McClendon, July, 1937.

Registration.—Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton introduced our guest of honor, Mrs. Robert E. Fitzgerald, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association. Mrs. Fitzgerald, in her response, brought greetings from the National Auxiliary.

Seventeen State officers, sixty-five delegates, and nine alternates responded to the roll call.

Mrs. H. G. Lindenmuller read the rules of the convention, and they were accepted.

Reports of Officers

President's Report.—The president, Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton, called the first vice-president, Mrs. Clifford A. Wright of Los Angeles, to the chair while she read her report.

Treasurer's Report.—Mrs. Frank Makinson's report showed a commercial account of \$689.81 and a savings account of \$343.45. She presented an auditor's statement, which was read by the secretary. The reports of both were accepted.

Membership and Organization.—Mrs. Clifford A. Wright, Chairman, in the report of her year's work, stated that Monterey County had organized and that Siskiyou County had disbanded.

Program and Health Education.—Mrs. John Barrow, Chairman, reported her work and its progress, mentioning outstanding accomplishments of the different auxiliaries. She also reported as chairman of the Lending Library, listing additions to the contents.

Finance.—Mrs. Hobart Rogers, Chairman, presented a tentative budget for 1937-1938 as follows:

Stationery	\$ 85.00
Clerical	125.00
Postage	60.00
Telephone	25.00
Convention	150.00
Editor	125.00
Travel expenses	225.00
Organization	50.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Total	\$875.00

The budget was adopted by the House of Delegates.

A motion was then made and carried that the dues for the year 1937-1938 be fixed at one dollar per capita.

Interesting reports by the following committee chairmen were read and approved:

Public Relations—Mrs. Arthur J. Annis.
Public Health Activities—Mrs. Frank H. Rodin.
Editor and Publicity—Mrs. Robert M. Furlong.
Hygeia—Mrs. Mark L. Glaser.

Resolutions

Recommendations From the State Board.—The following recommendations, presented by the State Board, were read by the Secretary.

WHEREAS, It is important that the Archives of the Auxiliary, including annual reports, convention programs, official correspondence, etc., be kept intact; and

WHEREAS, Said records now repose in the files of the various officers; and

WHEREAS, Said records are at present incomplete and improperly housed; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the will of this convention that steps be taken at once by the Board of Directors to assemble said records, complete said files and properly house the same; finally, be it

Resolved, That hereafter these Archives shall be the charge of the recording secretary.

MRS. ANDREW J. THORNTON, President.

Be it recommended that each county president call the delegates of her county for a caucus to give instructions and impress upon each delegate the responsibility she has assumed in regard to the business to be transacted at the State convention.

MRS. JOHN BARROW.

The President appointed a Resolutions Committee, consisting of Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena (chairman), Mrs. Elliot C. Colby, and Mrs. Lawrence M. Knox.

The following vacancies were reported filled during the year:

Councilor of Seventh District—Mrs. S. Weil, resigned. Mrs. Charles C. Hall was appointed.

Councilor of Eighth District—Mrs. Junius B. Harris, resigned. Mrs. Fredrick N. Scatena was appointed.

Mrs. Clifford A. Wright and Mrs. Robert Furlong were elected from the Board, together with Mrs. Phillip S. Doane, Mrs. J. C. Geiger and Mrs. Charles A. Dukes from the floor, to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

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The second general meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., May 5, 1937, by the president, Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton.

Mrs. Newman, Chairman of Credentials and Registration, reported a total registration of 259.

Seventeen Board members and sixty-five County Auxiliary delegates responded to the roll call.

The minutes of the first session of the eighth annual convention were read and accepted.

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The following district councilors reported:

First District—Mrs. Dexter Ball.

Second District—Mrs. Benjamin H. Sherman.

Third District—Mrs. N. N. Brown, absent. Verbal report by Mrs. John Barrow.

Fourth District—Mrs. George W. Walker.

Fifth District—Mrs. John Hunt Shephard, ill. No report.

Sixth District—Mrs. G. H. Becker, absent. Report read by the Secretary.

Seventh District—Mrs. Charles C. Hall.

Eighth District—Mrs. Fredrick N. Scatena.

Their reports were accepted.

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The following county presidents reported:

Alameda County—Mrs. A. A. Alexander reported for Mrs. Clarence Page.

Contra Costa County—Mrs. L. H. Fraser's report was read by the Secretary.

Fresno County—Mrs. Guy Manson.

Kern County—Mrs. L. A. Packard.

Lassen-Plumas County—Mrs. G. R. Fortson. No report.

Los Angeles County—Mrs. Clifford A. Wright.

Marin County—Mrs. Harry O. Hund.

Monterey County—Mrs. Lawrence Knox.

Orange County—Mrs. H. H. Sutherland's report was given by Mrs. Hall.

Riverside County—Mrs. B. E. Garrison's report was given by Mrs. Coon.

Sacramento County—Mrs. E. O. Brown's report was given by Mrs. Van Den Berg.

San Diego County—Mrs. F. G. Lindemuller.

San Francisco County—Mrs. J. C. Geiger's report was given by Mrs. Hans Barkan.

San Joaquin County—Mrs. F. S. Maggs.

San Luis Obispo County—Mrs. Jay Butler. No report.

Santa Clara County—Mrs. Charles Moore.

Santa Barbara County—Mrs. Walter R. Hunt's report was given by Mrs. Henderson.

These reports were accepted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions appeared in the June issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

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The Nominating Committee submitted the following candidates: Mrs. John Barrow* of Los Angeles County, president-elect; Mrs. Fredrick N. Scatena of Sacramento

County, first vice-president; Mrs. Elliot G. Colby of San Diego County, second vice-president; Mrs. Harry O. Hund of Marin County, treasurer; Mrs. Harry E. Henderson of Santa Barbara County, recording secretary. Councilors-at-large—Mrs. W. W. Roblee of Riverside County, Mrs. Axel E. Anderson of Fresno County, Mrs. Fred H. Zumwalt of San Francisco County, and Mrs. Arthur Newcomb of Los Angeles County.

There were no nominations from the floor. By *viva voce* vote the candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee were elected.

The following district councilors were elected:

Third District—Mrs. E. L. Markthaler of Santa Barbara County.

Fifth District—Mrs. Lawrence M. Knox of Monterey County.

Sixth District—Mrs. J. C. Geiger of San Francisco County.

Seventh District—Mrs. Harold Trimble of Alameda County.

Eighth District—Mrs. George Briggs of Sacramento County.

Ninth District—Mrs. Robert M. Furlong of Marin County.

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Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton then presented Mrs. Hobart Rogers of Alameda County, the president for 1937-1938, who was enthusiastically acclaimed by the House of Delegates.

Incoming officers were introduced by Mrs. Thornton.

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Credentials and Registration—Mrs. Willard Newman, Chairman, gave her final report: Total registration, 270; Board members, 18; delegates, 73; alternates, 30; Auxiliary members, 138; guests, 11.

Upon request of the Secretary, the President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Mrs. William Sargent, Mrs. Frank Makinson, and Mrs. Dexter Ball.

Mrs. John Hunt Shephard, Convention Chairman, thanked her committee for their coöperation and work.

The President expressed appreciation to all those who had coöperated with her throughout the year and during the convention. There being no further business the President declared the eighth annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES C. HALL,
Recording Secretary.

Food Poisoning.—By food poisoning is meant acute illness due to some injurious property in food. Formerly all such cases were classed under the term "ptomaine poisoning," a term which is now considered unscientific, misleading and incorrect. There are two well-recognized causes of food poisoning: (1) food infection and (2) food toxemia. Food infection is usually caused by *Bacillus enteritidis* or closely allied organisms of the Gaertner group.

Food toxemia is due to the toxin of a specific organism, the *Bacillus botulinus*. Botulism stands alone as a type of food poisoning; it differs from the usual type in that it chiefly affects the nervous system and in its high mortality rate. The bacillus grows in a great variety of foodstuffs, both of plant and animal origin, and produces its poison in the food under anaerobic conditions. There is no fever and acute gastro-intestinal disturbances usually do not occur. In Europe, the foods involved in outbreaks have been, as a rule, meats such as sausage and ham, but in this country other foods, mostly home processed, have been especially responsible, such as string beans, corn, asparagus, peas, spinach, and ripe olives.

In food infection the symptoms are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The onset is usually sudden and may be ushered in with a headache and a chill. While the incubation period is usually six to twelve hours, it varies, and may be much longer than twelve hours or much shorter than four.

* Deceased, July 25, 1937.